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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR MARCH 2,
1976:

STATEMENT: YESTERDAY, I WAS ASKED ABOUT THE VISIT OF
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IN MID-MARCH. I HAVE CHECKED
FURTHER ON THAT, AND THE SECRETARY HAS INVITED THE FOREIGN
MINISTER TO HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM ON MARCH 12TH.

Q. WHY IS FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON BEING INVITED TO
WASHINGTON?

A. WERE YOU HERE YESTERDAY?

Q. YES, BUT COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THAT?

A. NO, I REALLY CANNOT. HE IS GOING TO BE ON A PRIVATE
VISIT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY
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WANTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE, SO HE INVITED
HIM TO LUNCH.

Q. HOW LONG IS HE GOING TO STAY IN WASHINGTON?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. ARE THERE ANY DATES SET FOR THE RECALL OF THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS TO ARAB COUNTRIES?

A. NO, I DO NOT HAVE ANY DATES. AMBASSADOR EILTS, I THINK
WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEKEND OR THE BEGINNING PART OF NEXT
WEEK. AND THE DATES FOR THE OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN SET. INGERSOLL

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